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Inquiry: Our Respiratory Department is initiating a COPD follow-up program for the community. Can a RT "advise" a COPD patient (who is assessed to have clinical symptoms) to follow his "physician ordered" home action plan that includes a specific dosage of antibiotic, corticosteroid (ex: prednisone), and a bronchodilator? Is this medication covered in our licensure under a medically approved protocol?

Response: In response to your inquiry regarding RTs advising a patient on dosages of antibiotics, corticosteroids, and bronchodilators authorized under a respiratory care protocol, please be advised that this is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act and allowed.

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